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from the EDITOR'S CHAIR

KENNEDY'S (1st) INAUGURAL

It is significant that President Kennedy's inaugural address was devoted exclusively to foreign affairs.

Until we get that Frankenstein-like monster scientists have created back into its cage, the human race won't be able to rest easily.

To those of us in the labor movement, one statement had an especially pleasing sound:

"Let us never negotiate out of fear. But let us never fear to negotiate."

The Eisenhower Administration wavered between brinkmanship and sumptuosity. It muffed the U-2 and pigeonholed disarmament.

It looks as if President Kennedy will bring a single positive approach to our relations with other peoples of the world.

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SOUNDED LIKE ADLAI

The President's stirring speech sounded quite a bit like one Adlai Stevenson made at the University of California's Greek Theater last year.

Stevenson pointed out the absolute necessity of doing something about nuclear arms, and he expounded an idealistic program of helping backward nations help themselves—without strings attached.

Like a breath of fresh air, President Kennedy seems to have promised the crisis-weary world that this kind of peace will be his goal.

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8-YEAR VACUUM TO END

Without selling us down the river, Kennedy—it is to be hoped—will bring much-needed world leadership back to the White House to solve basic, pressing problems of the human race.

His inaugural address has reinforced this hope.

Cohelan to give weekly broadcast over KRE

Congressman Jeffery Cohelan has completed arrangements with radio station KRE to present a weekly, five minute broadcast.

The program will be carried on Tuesday evenings at 5:25 p.m.

Representative Cohelan and station KRE cooperated in presenting a similar program during Cohelan's last term.

THE CENTRAL LABOR Council has voted to endorse appointment of Superior Judge Monroe Friedman to any vacancy in the federal bench that occurs in the Bay Area. Delegates approved an Executive Board recommendation this week.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 5 of this issue of the Journal.

Council begins study on unemployment

Preliminary reports show 15-50% idle

An unemployment survey of Alameda County unions was launched by the Central Labor Council this week, and preliminary reports indicated jobless rates of 15 to 50 per cent.

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash said the labor council is sending out inquiries to all locals on the number of members they have registered as unemployed.

Figures from Steamfitters 342 show that over 50 per cent of the union's members have been out of work for the last four months, Ash told labor council delegates Monday.

These figures are being rechecked to be certain they are accurate, Ash said.

Ash also cited a report by Al Thoman of Carpenters 36 last week that Carpenters' locals have 15 to 25 per cent of members out of work.

CRITICIZES TRIBUNE

Ash criticized a recent Oakland Tribune editorial, which pictured AFLCIO President George Meany as a "Prophet of Gloom" for urging government action in a serious economic situation.

He also charged that the Oakland City Council is apparently unconcerned about loss of payrolls by recent factory and store closings.

BAY AREA FIGURES

Just prior to Monday's CLC meeting, State Employment Director Irving Perluss announced that unemployment insurance claims increased 19 per cent in the Bay Area between November and December.

The number of unemployment claims in the six Bay Area counties hit the highest level for December since 1949.

Statewide unemployment was 6.1 per cent, during December, according to figures just released by the State Department of Employment.

In the Bay Area, an estimated 5.6 per cent of the labor force were unemployed.

Here are the December unemployment percentages for major labor market areas:

	'60	'59
Statewide	6.1	4.4
Bay Area	5.6	4.3
Los Angeles	6.0	4.2
San Diego	7.3	4.3
Bakersfield	7.2	6.0
San Jose	6.9	5.2
Sacramento	5.0	3.4

Figures released by Governor Brown place unemployment in Eureka and Ukiah-Fort Bragg at 14 and 16% respectively.



AN UNPRECEDENTED inaugural week meeting was held last week. Among federal union leaders conferring with new Postmaster General J. Edward Day, right, was John F. O'Connor, national legislative director of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks (AFLCIO). O'Connor is a former president of Oakland Local 78, NFPOC, and was a CLC officer and delegate.

BTC trying to break Winton Grove log jam

A conference with Federal Housing Authority officials may pave the way for resumption of sales on the Building Trades Council-sponsored Winton Grove cooperative apartments near Hayward.

"We are hopeful that we may overcome the last obstacles to starting construction," J. L. Childers, BTC business representative, said this week. "The next step is up to the builder."

Childers reported to Building Trades delegates last week that about 40 per cent of the units were sold earlier this year.

Since sales were slow and selling costs high, according to Childers, BTC officials decided to wait until the project is built before selling more.

One problem, Childers said, is that the real estate firm which was handling sales was unable to promise a definite completion date.

Childers said he contacted U. S. Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel, who arranged the conference with FHA Regional Director MacDuff. Aim of the conference was to get construction started.

During the four-hour conference, Childers told BTC delegates, FHA officials showed him seven typewritten pages describing FHA processes the Winton Grove application has been through.

Childers said he protested that he felt it was unnecessary "to treat everybody like a suede shoe operator."

U.C. DISABILITY

Another meeting between the BTC's University of California negotiating committee and the rank-and-file "shop committee" was held last Saturday.

The shop committee reported that only 2 out of every 5 U.C. building tradesmen surveyed expressed interest in a proposed voluntary group disability insurance policy with \$5 monthly employee contributions and benefits of \$65 a week.

This is insufficient for a group

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Eubanks urges G.G. Authority Commission; Asa Williams talks

Asa Williams, president of the Portland, Ore., District Council of Carpenters, and Sam Eubanks, secretary of the San Francisco Newspaper Guild, spoke at Monday night's Central Labor Council meeting.

Williams urged Alameda County unions and union members to buy stock in the Portland Reporter. The Reporter, launched by unions to combat the strikebreaking Portland Oregonian and Journal, needs capital to begin daily publication.

This fight, which involves strikebreaking employers and freedom of the press, is the fight of all unions, Williams said. Stock is \$10 a share. Blanks

can be obtained from Oakland Typographical Union No. 36.

EUBANKS TALKS

Eubanks, a California Federation vice-president spoke as secretary-treasurer of the Golden Gate Authority Commission.

The commission proposes a regional transportation agency which would operate the Golden Gate Bridge and six state-owned bridges across the bay, from Dumbarton to Benicia.

The agency would negotiate with the Bay Area's seaports and airports, in an attempt to bring them under a single authority. Union rights of all employees of the agency as proposed, would be guaranteed.

HOW TO BUY

February month for furniture, rugs

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS

Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

February is the month to shop for furniture, rugs, drapes and housewares.

The semi-annual home equipment sales offer reductions of 10-30 per cent on most furnishings, including those of well known designers and manufacturers which are price-maintained most of the rest of the year.

Other sales this month which give you a chance to replenish your needs are nylon hosiery sales, notions sales offering reductions on sewing needs and household accessories, and the final clearances, at sharply reduced prices, of men's and women's winter coats.

If the winter has been hard on your tires, you can get help from the recently reduced prices. Most manufacturers have cut tire prices \$1 to \$4.

In home repair and expansion needs, plumbing, lumber and heating equipment have dropped in price in recent months.

IN FOOD, beef's the buy this month. Boneless beef chuck generally is a better buy than chuck with the bone in, if the price is not more than 50 per cent higher. For example, boneless chuck at 89 cents is better value than chuck with bones in at 69.

Lamb also is relatively reasonable this month, but pork is expensive. In pork, Boston butts are relatively reasonable. The Boston butt has a higher percentage of lean than any other pork cut. The picnic has more bone per pound than the Boston butt.

Here are tips for getting your money's worth in February furniture sales.

Manufacturers have not reduced list prices this year, but business is lagging, and there are some sharp cuts in this month's furniture sales. If you are planning to buy furniture soon, this is the time to do it.

But inspect the quality with great care, especially if buying vinyl plastic upholstered chairs. Much moderate price furniture now is covered in plastic. But a leading manufacturer, Morris Futorian, president of Futorian-Statford Furniture Co., recently charged that vinyl fabric manufacturers were "permitting the wide use of inferior grades in upholstering goods today."

This manufacturer indicated that his own firm is being forced

to use "inferior vinyls" because of "charlatans" in the trade, Home Furnishings Daily reported. He urged that some government grades be established.

PLASTIC UPHOLSTERY covering has obvious advantages in ease of cleaning. It's in increasing use for everything from living room chairs to dinette sets. But how can you, the consumer, know whether you are getting good quality plastic covering? The problem is that low grade plastic coverings have the surface appearance of good grades.

Any plastic fabric used on chairs with springs, especially coil springs, should be the cloth backed type called "supported plastic." Non-supported plastic may be satisfactory for flat surfaces, such as dinette chairs which have no springs. But it can't take the constant flexing of deep spring upholstery. The retailer should be able to tell you whether a plastic fabric is supported or not. You yourself can look at end of the fabric underneath the chair to see whether it is cloth backed.

There are different grades even in supported plastic fabrics. One indication of quality is the gauge or thickness. The thicker the plastic fabric, the better it will withstand gouges, abrasion and flexing.

Thickness, however, is not the whole story. The formulation of the plastic also determines the quality. Here you can only rely on the retailer's reliability and his guarantee that he will take back the furniture if it prematurely tears or abrades.

Actually, good quality, cloth backed plastic covering is not cheap. It costs as much as good quality cotton fabric.

If you buy furniture covered in cotton or other cloth fabric, our advice is to choose pieces that have zippered covers for easy cleaning and easy recovering later.

One of the best ideas is to buy furniture "in the muslin." Some better quality sofas and chairs are sold this way. Then you select the fabric you want and the store covers it for you.

Buy pieces in the muslin, and then have them slip covered right over the muslin. This way you save the double expense of putting slip covers over expensive upholstery fabric.

Rat race?

The folks who have the most trouble keeping up with the Joneses are their creditors.—San Diego Union.

TV tidbit

Television is proving that old movies never die—no matter how long ago they were shot.—In Transit.

New "MO"

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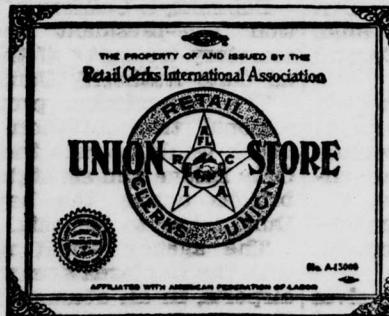
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For 1st-class mailing add 10¢ for each pattern. Print name, address with zone, style No. and size.

Mental health

One person out of 10 in California is suffering from a mental disorder.

More than 1 1/2 million Californians need mental care.

To meet these problems, Dr. Daniel Blain, director of the State Department of Mental Hygiene, suggests more emphasis on mental health clinics, private treatment facilities and out-of-hospital care.

Dr. Blain made the recommendations in his annual report.

Truck stop

1st Teamster: While they're unloading us, let's eat.

2nd Teamster: Where are we going to eat?

1st Teamster: Let's eat up the street.

2nd Teamster: Naw, I hate asphalt.—The Machinist.

That's life!

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Helen Nelson suggests laws

State Consumer Counsel Helen E. Nelson said she will propose five laws to protect buyers to the State Legislature:

- A stronger law to end the "referral sales" racket.

Mrs. Nelson said the Retail Installment Sales Act should be strengthened to curb salesmen who sell customers articles at inflated prices with the promise of rebates or profits if friends buy the articles, too.

- Closing of a loophole on illegal sales contracts.

Merchants who use fraudulent time plan contracts can escape punishment now if they change the contracts within 10 days after they are caught.

Mrs. Nelson said this encourages unscrupulous practices. She believes any wilful violation should be punished.

- Reduced revolving credit charges.

Present law lets stores with revolving charge accounts levy interest on the unpaid balance at the beginning of the previous month. Most customers believe the interest is charged from the end of the previous month, and Mrs. Nelson wants to make this the law.

At present, some stores charge from the beginning, and some from the end, of the previous month.

- State laws on labeling hazardous substances.

Mrs. Nelson wants the state to adopt federal laws requiring labeling of certain compounds and liquids, including some paint thinners, rug cleaners, poisons and washing machine detergents, to be labeled as hazardous.

This is now required by federal law, but it doesn't affect all goods manufactured and sold within the state's boundaries.

- A law requiring pure cosmetics.

Mrs. Nelson wants a law to protect consumers of cosmetics manufactured and sold in California.

No more free prescription pads

A new regulation adopted by the State Board of Pharmacy is designed to keep doctors from sending patients to drug stores they recommend.

By a 4 to 2 vote, the board prohibited druggists from giving physicians free direct phone service, prescription pads, or any "drugs, services or supplies" intended to win the doctor's endorsement.

False ad claim

False advertising of "Oragen" and "Tirend" has been charged by the Federal Trade Commission in a case against Consumer Laboratories, Inc., of Los Angeles.

The FTC said Oragen was advertised as a reducing aid but is "of no value in spot reducing." According to the FTC, "Tirend" was billed as an invigorator but "will not provide amazing pep and energy instantly."

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To the Ladies: FROM the EDITOR

IT MUST BE a tribute to marital harmony that so many guys stay home, rather than go to union meetings.

One member mentioned to me recently that 40 members out of 3,400 were at a particular meeting of his local, and a large number of those were executive board members.

This seems to be about par for the course—and better than San Jose Newspaper Guild, Local 98, to which I paid my dues before joining the San Francisco-Oakland Newspaper Guild, Local 52.

The aforesaid SFONG requires me to attend every other quarterly meeting or PAY. This is done in a way which meets the requirements of the law, and it's effective.

ALL OF WHICH is called to mind by a phone conversation with a lady unionist who said the labor press doesn't make wives union-conscious.

This stirs up the old issue of whether a guy goes to union meetings to get away from his wife, or because she tells him to go, or because he is interested in what happens at the meeting.

Another question might be how the ladies react when they know the old man is being attracted, not by the spirit of union democracy, but by a burlesque film, free beer, or both. But I won't go into that.

Still another question is whether wives can get their husbands to union meetings (or keep them home), or whether the men decide themselves.

Since this raises the historic issue of who wears the pants in the family, I won't go into that, either.

BE THAT as it may, recurring reports of wives crossing picket lines and patronizing non-union employers are genuine evidence that we are falling down in our job of educating union families.

In the future, we'll try to do better.

For now, suffice it to say that union loyalty is a pocketbook issue and concerns the housewife, and all the members of the family.

Bee bill called 'little Forand'

Assemblyman Carlos Bee, Democrat-Hayward, has introduced a "little Forand" bill to provide medical care for 1,025,000 senior citizens of California.

Employers would contribute 1 per cent on employee payrolls up to \$6 million annually to pay for hospital, nursing and surgical care for California's aged.

Assemblyman Bee said he introduced the bill in case Congress fails to act on medical care for the aged.

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Holmdahl holding Transocean wage hearing this week

State Sen. John M. Holmdahl, Democrat-Alameda County, will conduct a hearing on default of \$750,000 in wages to employees of Transocean Airlines this week.

Senator Holmdahl said the hearing would be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, in the Assembly Room of the State Building, 1111 Jackson St., Oakland.

Previously scheduled for December, the hearing involves employees of the airline at Oakland Airport.

Holmdahl said the earlier hearing was postponed at the airline's request because of a refinancing effort.

In Sacramento, Senator Holmdahl joined with State Sens. Ronald Cameron of Clipper Gap and Fred Farr of Carmel, both Democrats, in introducing a bill requiring airlines to provide bonds or other financial guarantees that payrolls will be met.

"Airline employees have been frequent victims of the business failures of their employer," Senator Holmdahl said. "In some cases, the companies have been grossly under-capitalized, 'shoe string' operations. Airlines require, by their very nature, heavy investments and involve heavy overheads. If a company begins to slip, it is likely to slip long and hard."

"Hundreds of employees in recent years have lost millions of dollars in unpaid wage claims," Holmdahl added. "This bill will extend to such employees protection similar to that now afforded employees in the lumber and logging, certain mining, and theatrical businesses. These are industries with similar histories of defaults in wage payments."

'If we want more farm problem coverage, let's make ourselves heard'

Hundreds of farmers have written the Columbia Broadcasting System in protest against the recent "Harvest of Shame" television documentary about conditions among farm workers.

But only a few letters and phone calls have been received by CBS in favor of the program.

If we want more coverage on this vital issue, Secretary Robert S. Ash told Central Labor Council delegates, we'd better make ourselves heard.

Union members have been urged to write David Lowe, CBS-TV, 485 Madison Ave., New York City.

Ash told labor council delegates that the "Harvest of Shame" film will be available for sale soon.

The Central Labor Council plans to buy a copy of the Edward R. Murrow documentary to show to delegates and other groups.

East Bay Rehabilitation Center official gives talk

Mrs. Marie K. Moynihan, director of the East Bay Rehabilitation Center at Herrick Memorial Hospital in Berkeley, addressed the Central Labor Council last week.

She invited delegates to the center's open house for its new unit from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19.

The center, a United Crusade agency, treats many union members disabled by on-the-job injuries, as well as others from organized labor. Mrs. Moynihan told CLC delegates. Richard K. Groulx, assistant CLC secretary, is on the center's community advisory board. Congressman Jeffery Cohelan is a former advisory board member.

Public advertising for non-union airline draws objections from CLC

The Port of Oakland's big advertising campaign on behalf of Pacific Southwest Airlines drew objections this week from Central Labor Council officials.

Robert S. Ash, CLC secretary, said PSA is a non-union airline.

Ash also objected to the fact that public funds are apparently being spent for an advertising campaign on behalf of a private business.

They could be spent more wisely, Ash said, in a campaign to attract business and industry here—to make up for the loss of jobs by closing of the General Electric lamp plant, planned moving of the General Motors plant and closing of the Kress store.

'I would rather wear a bag than Weldon pajamas!'

"I would rather wear a bag than non-union Weldon pajamas!"

Thousands of circulars headlined with this statement were distributed by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers in front of a Los Angeles department store Jan. 14.

The unionists wore burlap bags to back up their statement. They were dramatizing their campaign against the Weldon Pajama Co. of Pennsylvania, a large part of whose output is sold in California.

Weldon, the union said, has bitterly fought efforts of its workers to organize.

Marovich will run for Mayor in April

City Councilman Dan Marovich announced last week that he will run for mayor in April.

Marovich, appointed to the council in 1958 and elected to a four-year term the following year, will run against Councilman John C. Houlihan, who announced his candidacy last month.

Marovich said:

"I am a candidate for the office of Mayor of Oakland, because I believe Oakland today is at a crossroads.

"Our city has been transformed by California's population explosion. We have problems that did not exist 20, or even 10 years ago.

"One of our grave problems is that industries are leaving Oakland because of high taxes. This has decreased payrolls and hurt business. Even though our population has dropped six percent, there has been no drop in taxes. Taxes must be reduced; economies in city government can and should be effected, which will lower the tax rate.

"We must hold the industry we have and bring new industry here. Such new payrolls will benefit business and labor, and increase sales tax receipts, which in turn will reduce taxes more. This will be my prime objective."

THE SUPREME COURT has thrown out the conviction of Maurice E. Travis of Richmond, former international secretary of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers, for filing false non-Communist affidavits.

New gains reported in union organizing drive among state employees

Local 179 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees was chartered Thursday, Jan. 19, at the California Men's Colony at San Luis Obispo, according to C. Charles Hogan, international representative.

The new local represents correctional employees at the medium security penal institution and is the latest to receive its charter in the current organizing drive among California state employees by the AFSCME.

Hogan is in charge of operations in the organizing drive from Oakland.

A local will be chartered soon among California Medical Facility employees at Vacaville, he said, and a membership drive is being launched among food service employees at Agnews State Hospital near San Jose.

In Southern California, organizing drives under AFSCME international representative Sam Hunegs are recruiting members at Pacific, Patton and Metropolitan state hospitals.

Oakland Painter on TV

Arthur De Macsek of Painters 127 is scheduled to appear on the Ben Alexander Opportunity Hour at 7:30 p.m. today (Friday, Jan. 27) on KTVU (Channel 2). De Macsek, a whistler and entertainer, urges his fellow unionists to mail in votes for him.

Patronize Our Advertisers!

Supreme Court forces NLRB to decide jurisdiction

The U.S. Supreme Court has just issued a major ruling which may promote industrial peace in jurisdictional disputes here and elsewhere.

In National Labor Relations Board vs. Radio and Television Broadcast Engineers, Local 1212 (IBEW), the court on Jan. 9 denied enforcement of an NLRB ruling until the board assigns work jurisdiction.

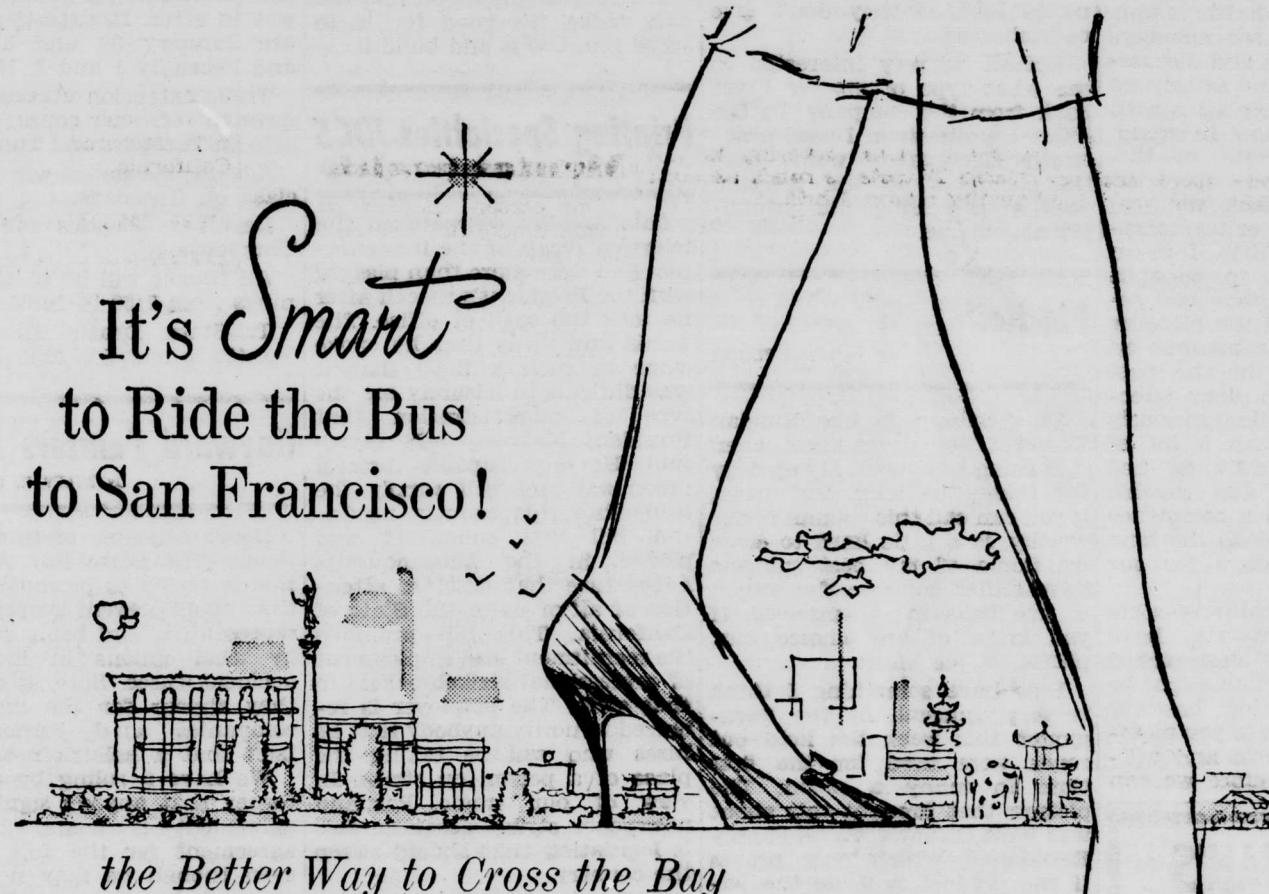
Before, unions in many cases were compelled to launch a strike to force NLRB action, according to John J. King, Grand Lodge representative for the International Assn. of Machinists in Oakland.

Many unions were unprepared or unwilling to take strike action to obtain a jurisdictional determination. Therefore, jurisdiction went by default to another union, King said in explaining the significance of the case.

In other cases, long and costly strikes resulted. These, presumably, will now be unnecessary.

Previously, the NLRB would not make a work assignment in such cases until there was a strike. Then the NLRB would rule only whether a union had a right to strike or not.

By refusing to enforce NLRB rulings unless there is a work assignment, the Supreme Court has, in effect, ordered the board to make jurisdictional determinations without forcing a union to strike.



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OFFICIAL UNION NOTICES

AUTOMOTIVE MACHINISTS 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 p.m. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS

This is to notify you that there will be nominations to fill the unexpired term of Vice President of Lodge No. 1546, I. A. of M., which will be held at the first regular meeting in February, (February 7, 1961). The meeting will be held in Hall "A," Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, California.

Please make every effort to attend.

Fraternally yours,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CARPENTERS 1622

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held at the Labor Temple, 1050 Mattox Read, each Friday at 8 p.m.

The Social Committee will put on a social of refreshments for the members after the January 27 meeting. Come and join with fellow members.

Carpenters Local 1622, Hayward, is in receipt of a letter from the Oakland Area Council of Boy Scouts of America, stating they need additional Scout leaders to organize and lead Cub Packs, Scout Troops and Explorer units in Southern Alameda County. Anyone who may be interested should contact the office of the business representative or the financial secretary for information.

Fraternally yours,
MARIUS WALDAL,
Recording Secretary

CLERKS, LUMBER HANDLERS 939

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 27, 1961.

Fraternally,
A. R. ESTES,
Recording Secretary

UNITED STEELWORKERS 4468

Regular meetings held 2nd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at Eagles Hall, 1228 36th Avenue, Oakland.

Fraternally,
FRANK V. MCINTOSH,
Recording Secretary

SHEET METAL WORKERS 216

Members are hereby again notified that starting January 1, 1961, monthly membership dues in Sheet Metal Workers' Union, Local No. 216 are increased from \$5.00 per month to \$7.00 per month or \$21.00 per quarter.

This is by membership action at a special meeting held October 21, 1960. Your attention is called to Article 10, Section 2(f), Page 37 of the Constitution of the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association, Issue of September, 1958 which reads in part: "The dues of all members of Local Unions shall be paid monthly or quarterly, but always in advance."

Members are urged to forward \$21.00 now for the First Quarter's Dues covering January, February and March, 1961, plus any assessments due for members who participate in the Death Benefit Plan of the Tri-State Council. Last Death Assessment levied is No. 452.

Fraternally,
LLOYD CHILD,
Financial Secretary

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AUTO & SHIP PAINTERS 1176

The next regular meeting will be held Feb. 7 in Hall D of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez St., at 8 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
LESLIE K. MOORE,
Business Representative

PAINTERS LOCAL 127

The next meeting of your local is a special called meeting to elect three delegates to the State Conference of Painters convention. The night is Thursday, Jan. 26, 1961. Let's get down and start the new year out and attend more meetings.

Fraternally yours,
ED. GULBRANSEN,
Recording Secretary

HAYWARD CULINARY 823

All three meetings of this union will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, the first at 9:30 a.m., the second at 2:30 p.m., and the third at 8:00 p.m. at the union headquarters.

The next regular meeting will be held Feb. 21, 1961.

JOSEPH MEDEIROS,
President
LEROY V. WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

CO. SCHOOL EMPLOYEES 257

The next regular meeting will be held February 4, 1961 at 1918 Grove St., Oakland, California, at 2 p.m.

The Executive Board will meet Friday, February 3, 1961 at Madison Junior High School.

Fraternally,
VICTOR BARTELS,
Secretary

BUILDING SERVICE 18

Building Service Union, Local 18, starting with its January meeting to be held Friday, Jan. 27, 1961, will make two awards of \$2.50 each to two members whose names will be drawn from attendance cards of those present at the union meetings.

This will be done at each union meeting in the future to help stimulate attendance at union meetings.

Fraternally,
W. DOUGLAS GELDERT,
Secretary

UNITED STEELWORKERS 1798

Union meeting, Friday, January 27, 1961, 8 p.m., Hall D, 2315 Valdez St., Oakland.

Nomination and election of tellers for the February 14 election of international officers.

Nomination and election of one member to the executive board.

Nomination and election of one delegate to the Central Labor Council of Alameda County.

Fraternally,
ELLA BAINES,
Recording Secretary

CARPENTERS 36

Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings will be held each Friday at 8 p.m. at Carpenters Hall, 761 12th St., Oakland, Calif.

Stewards will have their regular monthly meeting Thursday at 8 p.m., January 19, 1961, at the above address.

The Educational Committee will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m., January 25, 1961, at the above address.

Fraternally yours,
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Friday night, February 3, is the date of our next regular meeting.

At our last meeting, through reports from three different sources, we were informed of one positive action in the near future that will be of advantage to every member of our organization. Two or three other subjects from the same source are now under discussion by local and international officials, with a settlement in the near future, we hope. The result of the discussion of these subjects may or may not be reported at a special meeting. So, to know what is going on in the rapid changes in conditions to labor organizations you should attend the meetings, regular or special, so that you will be immediately informed of what is going on and give your help, aid and assistance when and wherever you can.

Look back a few years and compare benefits with those we now enjoy. You know who is responsible for them as well as anyone. Consider the meaning of the words "interest" and "duty" and comply with them in reference to our organization. Come to the regular meeting Feb. 3rd. Opening of the meeting at 8 p.m. See you then.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER
Recording Secretary

UC EMPLOYEES 371

The next regular meeting will be held on Feb. 18, 1961. This meeting has been postponed due to the holiday weekend of Feb. 11, Lincoln's Birthday, for which Monday, Feb. 13, will be observed.

Fraternally yours,
A. ROBERTSON,
Secretary

STEEL MACHINISTS 1304

Next regular meeting Thursday Feb. 2, 1961, at 8 p.m.

Executive board meets at 6:30 p.m.

The Stewards Council will hold its next meeting Saturday, Jan. 28, at 10:30 a.m.

Important Notice:

Election of international officers will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1961. Place of polling will be the Union Hall, 3637 San Pablo Ave., Emeryville, Calif. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Fraternally yours,
JOHN L. GIFFIN,
Recording Secretary

PAINT MAKERS 1101

Meets on third Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. in Hall C of the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland.

By-Laws changes will be voted on at the Regular meeting February 21, 1961.

Fraternally,
ED MORGAN,
Recording Secretary

BERKELEY PAINTERS LOCAL 40

Our next meeting of January 27, 1961, has been designated a special call for the election of one trustee to serve for the term ending June 30, 1962.

Refreshments will be served.

Fraternally yours,
GENE SLATER,
Recording Secretary

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First CLC nominations

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39; F. V. Stambaugh, Carmen's 192; Pat Sander, Cooks 228; Leo Woods, Culinary 823; Russel Mathiesen, Department and Specialty Clerks 1265; Harris Wilkin, Food Clerks 870; Vic Brandt, Building Service Employees 18; Myron Brink, Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen 143; Tom Anderson, Dining Car Cooks and Waiters 456; Fred Sullivan, Printing Specialties 678; Ed Logue, Machinists 284; Ed Reith, Cemetery Workers 322; Leah Newberry, Office Workers 29; Ed Porreca, Rubber Workers 64.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The following were nominated for the Community Services Committee (10 to be elected):

David Arca, Steel Machinists 1304; Elizabeth Mackin, Food Clerks 870; Paul Katz, Cemetery Workers 322; Don Finnie, Butchers 120; Dan Sweeney, Letter Carriers 76.

Nominated for the Investigating Committee (8 to be elected) were:

Al Thoman, Carpenters 36; Robert Christian, Letter Carriers 76; Tony Polvorosa, Steelworkers 4468; Len Lawson, Communications Workers 9415.

Those nominated for the Law and Legislation Committee (5 to be elected) were:

Joseph Angelo, Steelworkers 3367; E. H. Vernon, Auto Mechanics 1546; Robert S. Ash, Food Clerks 870; Harold Benner, School Employees 257; Harris Wilkin, Food Clerks 870; Herb Sims, Stationary Engineers 39.

Nominees for the Union Label Committee (15 to be elected) were:

Everett Davis, Butchers 120; Ray Geiger, Printing Specialties 382; Howell Frazier, Carpenters 36; John Ferro, Printing Specialties 382; Paul Folden, Bookbinders 31-125; Ted Trautner, Typographical 36; Al Kidder, Department and Specialty Store Clerks 1265; Allen Coe, Butchers 120; William J. Foley, Insurance Workers 30.

TWO OFFICERS RETIRE

Two veteran officers, First Vice President Edna Lallemand, of Building Service Employees 18, and Sergeant-at-Arms Eddie Maney, of Laundry Workers 2, are retiring this term.

Drohan, nominated for the first vice-presidency, is currently second vice-president.

Executive Secretary Ash told delegates that Maney has been an officer or board member of the labor council and its predecessor, the AFL Labor Council, since 1937.

Maney's seniority, Ash said, is matched only by one or two other individuals in the Alameda County labor movement.

State Carpenters' convention to be in Anaheim Feb. 14

The 33rd annual convention of the California State Council of Carpenters will be held in Anaheim beginning Tuesday, Feb. 14, and continuing through Friday, Feb. 17, Harry J. Harkrader, executive secretary, announced this week.

The convention proper will be preceded on Monday, Feb. 13, by a meeting of the State Joint Apprenticeship Committee for the Carpentry Trade, under the chairmanship of Frank Boyce.

Headquarters for all sessions will be at the Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim. More than 300 delegates representing affiliated district councils and local unions, are expected. Orange County District Council, under the direction of James G. King, is arranging the local program.

Officers of the State Council are headed by C. R. Bartalini of Carpenters 36.

Pressmen and Assistants' Local 125 elects officers

Oakland Pressmen and Assistants' 125 has elected the following officers:

Nick Pavletich, president; Lyle White, vice-president; Fred Brooks, secretary-treasurer and business representative; Conrad Moreno, corresponding and recording secretary, and Marty Hayes, sergeant-at-arms.

Elected to the Executive Committee were: Ken Couts, Carl Schmidt, George Stevenson, Warren Rupey, Hatley Irwin, Gwen Vierra, Howard Brazee, John Shilich, Hugh Mowery, Reg Robson, John Dickson and Mel Vargas.

Finance committee members will be Ralph Ambrose, Earl Landgraf and Pete Schaefer.

Delegates are Jack Rounds and Lyle White, Allied Printing Trades Council; Shirley Dunlap and Carl Schmidt, Alameda County Central Labor Council; Stillman Berry and Claude Stephan, Contra Costa County Central Labor Council, and Fred Brooks, international correspondent.

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Counseling course topics announced by Secretary Ash

Some of the topics to be discussed in the fourth annual Union Counseling Course were announced this week by Robert S. Ash, Central Labor Council secretary.

They will include: "Agency Structure and Services for Alameda County," "What the Welfare Department Provides," "Unemployment and Disability Insurance Benefits," "Stretching Your Dollar," "Protecting Your Dollar," "Preparing for Retirement" and "Civil Defense."

Detailed programs will be sent to local unions as soon as available, Ash said. The course will be held Wednesdays from March 1 through April 26.

Morning sessions will be from 10 a.m. to noon. Evening sessions will be from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Those taking the course can elect morning or evening sessions. All sessions will be in the William Fee Memorial Room of the Labor Temple.

In a letter to unions, Secretary Ash said:

"Those of you who have participated in the past realize the value and importance of this training program. We ask that you act now and select your representatives and send their names to the council."

The \$7 registration fee includes a graduation dinner April 26 at the Claremont Hotel. Municipal Judge Robert Kroninger is scheduled to speak.

Unions begin to respond on Carpenter-Ironworker merger plan of Local 34

Pile Drivers 34 has already received favorable reaction from three or four unions about its idea for a nationwide merger of the Carpenters and the Ironworkers.

The local, a Carpenters' affiliate, wrote locals of both unions throughout the United States Jan. 16.

The July 11, 1959, tentative agreement between the two internationals may help to eliminate jurisdictional disputes, the Pile Drivers' local said, "but there will be 10 thousand Philadelphia Lawyers interpreting this agreement."

And they will be egged on by unemployed members, eager union officials and "conniving" employers, wrote O. J. Lindell, recording secretary of Local 34.

"It is our suggestion that the Ironworkers and the Carpenters immediately enter negotiations to achieve a merger of our two internationals . . . Please let us have your opinion as soon as possible," Lindell added.

The letter calls jurisdictional disputes "the cancer of the Building Trades."

Teachers' delegate says schools fostering racial segregation in Oakland

George Stokes of Oakland Teachers 771 charged that the Board of Education is promoting racial segregation by careful selection of school sites, at last week's Central Labor Council meeting.

Stokes reported on a Board of Education meeting the previous Tuesday at which the Oakland Chapter of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People made the complaint.

Schools with high concentrations of Negro or white students could be eliminated by changing school boundaries or letting youngsters attend the high schools of their choice, regardless of where they live, Stokes said.



OAKLAND UNION officials conferred with a labor delegation from Turkey last week. Shown are, seated, from left, John Kinnick of Office Workers 29; Harris Wilkin of Food Clerks 870; Hasan Ozgunes, president, Textile and Cotton Ginning Industry Workers' Union, Turkey; standing, from left, Ahmet Aras, president, Eskisehir Regional Trade Union Federation, Turkey, and Burhanettin Asutay, president, Transport Workers' Union of Izmir, Turkey team chairman.—Photo courtesy of Oakland Tribune.

Labor federation backs 102 basic social insurance bills

Labor is backing 102 bills to broaden unemployment insurance, disability insurance and workmen's compensation coverage in California.

"These legislative proposals reflect the hopes and aspirations of the working people in California for bringing our three basic employee social insurance programs up to date," Thomas L. Pitts, secretary of the California Labor Federation, said.

The bills, Pitts added, have already been introduced by Democratic legislators. If passed, they will put into law the resolutions on the three programs adopted by the labor federation at its convention last August.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

The liberalization program for unemployment insurance introduced for consideration of the legislature includes some 53 bills.

Four proposals extending unemployment insurance coverage to agricultural workers, domestic workers, employees of non-profit organizations and public employees have been introduced by Assemblyman Augustus F. Hawkins, Democrat-Los Angeles.

Basic bills to increase the maximum weekly benefit payments from \$55 to \$70, extend the duration of benefit payments to 39 weeks regardless of the level of unemployment, provide dependency payments of \$5 in addition to the basic weekly benefit, and establish a sound system for financing unemployment have been dropped in the hopper by Assemblyman William A. Munnell, Democrat-Los Angeles.

A long list of other key measures have been introduced by Assemblyman Jesse M. Unruh, Democrat-Los Angeles and Edward E. Elliott, Democrat-Los Angeles. Among these U.I. bills are the following:

- Provide for retroactive payment of benefits during present one week waiting period when unemployment period lasts beyond seven days.
- Remove harsh provisions on eligibility for benefits and disqualifications.
- Provide for extended benefit payments when unemployment in the state is three per cent instead of the present six per cent.

Another important bill amending the U.I. Code would establish retraining benefits for those employees who have been displaced by automation and other technological developments. The au-

thor is Assemblyman Jerome R. Waldie, Democrat-Contra Costa County.

DISABILITY INSURANCE

Some 18 measures on disability insurance liberalization have been introduced by Assemblyman Robert W. Crown, Democrat-Alameda County.

In benefit structure, the disability proposals would conform with the liberalization program for unemployment insurance.

Disability benefits are payable to employees who are unable to work because of illness or accident unrelated to their employment.

The program, established in 1947, is a part of the Unemployment Insurance Code and is intended to complement the unemployment insurance program.

One of the major problems in the disability insurance program at the 1961 session will be the financing of the state program in relationship to so-called voluntary plans underwritten by private carriers which are permitted under state law.

A number of bills introduced by Assemblyman Crown would eliminate all subsidies to private carriers from the state fund and would make the voluntary plans truly competitive with the state program.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

Workmen's compensation proposals include 31 bills. All of the liberalization measures are being carried by Assemblyman Waldie.

They include the following basic proposals:

- Increase the weekly benefit for both permanent and temporary disabilities by removing the present arbitrary restriction

Bills to repeal secondary boycott, 'jurisdictional strike' law introduced

Bills to repeal the so-called "jurisdictional strike act" and delete "hot cargo" and "secondary boycott" restrictions from California law have been introduced in the State Legislature with labor support.

The bills, backed by the California Labor Federation, were introduced by Assemblyman W. A. (Jimmie) Hicks of Sacramento.

Another bill, by Assemblyman Phillip Burton of San Francisco, would make it unlawful to recruit or supply strikebreakers.

The Hicks bill would also prohibit the state from buying goods from struck employers and force employers to itemize wage deductions on paychecks.

on average weekly earnings. These limit the amount of compensation for wage loss which an injured employee may receive under the 65 per cent wage loss standard in the law.

The Waldie measure would establish a top benefit of \$150 to avoid a drain on the funds by high priced executives. At present, weekly benefits for temporary disabilities are held to \$65, with \$52.50 for permanent disabilities.

- Provide dependency benefits at the rate of \$5 per week in addition to basic weekly benefits.

- Establish a workable program for rehabilitation of injured workers who are unable to return to their former employment, and who today have no assurance of receiving such training.

- Liberalize the death benefit payments to surviving widows by converting the present arbitrary and limited compensation formula to a life pension based on the wage loss compensation rate for temporary disability, payable to a spouse and dependent children until death or remarriage.

- Provide for retroactive payment of benefits in the waiting period whenever a disability extends beyond one week and abolish the waiting period altogether in cases of hospitalization.

- Liberalize the so-called permanent disability rating schedule so that permanently disabled employees may realize a rate of compensation commensurate with the degree of permanent disability.

- Provide for full freedom of choice of doctors by injured workers.

- Improve administration of the law to prevent insurance carriers from hamstringing payment of benefits due to injured workers.

Mosk, Henning to speak at S.F. Histadrut dinner

State Atty. Gen. Stanley Mosk and State Director of Industrial Relations John F. Henning will address a dinner honoring the 40th anniversary of the Histadrut (Israel General Federation of Labor) at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco.

Henning has just returned from a tour of Israel. Mosk has also visited Israel.

For reservations, call or write the Histadrut Office, 3435 Sacramento St., Fillmore 6-1201.

Calif. factory jobs slip 13,600 from last year: Henning

California manufacturing employment in December, 1960, dropped 13,600 below a year ago, John F. Henning, state director of industrial relations, announced last week.

The number of wage and salary workers employed in California factories fell to 1,304,900 in December, 1960, down 17,000 from November.

Contraction in the canning, lumber, and stone, clay and glass industries, and decreases in aircraft, metals, and machinery manufacturing contributed mainly to the decline.

Aircraft employment dropped by nearly 3,000, to 200,800 in December, the lowest level in the past eight years—15 per cent below December, 1959.

Employment in primary metals, principally steel, decreased for the 10th consecutive month to 46,500 in December, the lowest December since 1954, and down by 6,900 from a year ago.

On the plus side, employment in electrical equipment, electronics and missiles rose in December to all-time highs.

The December work force in electrical equipment of 173,000 was up from a year ago by 10,500. In missiles, employment of 639,400 was up by 7,600 from December, 1959.

Among the so-called soft goods manufacturing industries, printing and publishing recorded an all-time high of 73,100 in December, 3,600 higher than in December, 1959.

Hearing on farm labor will be held in S.F. on February 3 and 4

The Central Labor Council has received notification of a public hearing by the Industrial Welfare Commission on extending state minimum wage coverage to women and children in agriculture.

The hearing will be held Feb. 3 and 4 in Room 1194, State Building Annex, 455 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco. Sessions are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. both days.

Hearings will be held in Los Angeles Feb. 1 and 2.

In addition to the minimum wage, the hearings will determine whether provisions of the Labor Code governing maximum hours and working conditions for women and children shall be extended to those employed on farms.

Written statements for consideration of the Industrial Welfare Commission must be filed this week. Each speaker will be limited to five minutes, with more comments if time permits.

Copies of a Wage Board report on a proposed IWC order for agricultural occupations are available at commission offices in San Francisco and Oakland, as well as 13 other cities.

They will be sent upon written request to the San Francisco office of the State Division of Industrial Welfare, 455 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco.

King still here; transfer delayed at least 3 times

John J. King, Grand Lodge representative for the International Assn. of Machinists, was to have been transferred to San Diego late last year, but his transfer has been delayed at least three times.

Latest word is that King's successor, Jack L. Ashe, was to arrive here this week, and King is to report to his new post as Grand Lodge representative in San Diego Feb. 1.

King is taking over the post formerly held by Ashe, and Ashe is coming here.

Make reservations to attend Monterey conference soon

Since accommodations are limited, those wishing to attend the Central Labor Council's educational conference in Monterey Feb. 12-16 should take action as soon as possible, CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash announced this week.

The conference, to be held at the Mark Thomas Inn, is designed to assist leaders and full-time paid staff members of affiliated unions in meeting everyday labor problems.

Speakers and their topics will include: Dr. Fred Stripp, associate in speech and director in forsenica, University of California "Parliamentary Procedure;" Hyman Minsky, associate professor of economics at U.C., "Recession and Depression;" Don Gilson, referee, State Department of Employment; Thomas Nicolopolous, state director of conciliation; George T. Guernsey, assistant director, AFLCIO Department of Education, and Hal Risdon, labor editor, Oakland Tribune.

Programs will be mailed to affiliated unions as soon as they are available.

By action of the labor council following last year's conference, the conference this year will not include evening sessions.

For those who wish to meet after dinner, however, arrangements are being made for evening sessions.

Registration fee is \$20 per delegate, which includes the graduation dinner. Checks should be made payable to the Central Labor Council.

Hotel rates are \$12.50 per day, including breakfast and lunch. Hotel reservations should be made separately.

Jobs!

Bids will be opened in Sacramento Feb. 23 on the \$5 million link of the MacArthur freeway from Grand avenue to 14th avenue.

The Defense Department submitted a bill to Congress authorizing \$3.6 million in military construction in the East Bay in 1961-62, including \$2,213,000 for the Mare Island ballistics missile school, \$568,000 for other Mare Island work, and \$345,000 for the Concord Naval Ammunition Depot.



EVICTED SHARECROPPERS near Somerville, Tenn., are being helped by Dining Car Cooks and Waiters 456 of Oakland. (See story for details.) One of them, Mrs. Early B. Williams, center, is shown here with her four children in front of the tent in which they now live. They and other Negroes were evicted for voting in the Nov. 8 presidential election. Also shown is Theodore Brown, assistant director of the AFLCIO Department of Civil Rights, and Mrs. Victoria Davidson, missionary nurse.—AFLCIO News.

Dining Car Cooks 456 helps evicted Tenn. sharecroppers

Negro sharecroppers who were thrown out of their homes for voting in the Nov. 8 presidential election are getting a helping hand from Dining Car Cooks and Waiters 456 of Oakland.

Tom Anderson, secretary of Local 456, told the Central Labor Council that his union is gathering blankets, shoes, usable warm clothing and canned foods (especially canned milk) for shipment to the sharecroppers and their children.

Those who wish to send money can address checks to the Fayette and Haywood Counties Welfare and Civic Associations, Rt. 4, Box 133-A, Somerville, Tenn., Anderson said.

Anderson urged other unions to join the drive, in a brief report at last week's Central Labor Council meeting.

Local 456 also played a helping hand in two other goodwill projects recently, Anderson said.

The union joined Carpenters 36 in sending Christmas cards and money to the Gabrielle family, who left New Orleans after harassment in the integration crisis and fled to Providence, R.I.

Local 456 also sent \$25 to help Louisiana children who are without food because that state's Legislature capriciously cut off the Aid to Needy Children program.

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NLRB to decide on charges in Titan-Steelworkers case

The National Labor Relations Board was expected to announce this week whether a complaint will be issued against the Titan Metals Manufacturing Co. in Newark, where Steelworkers 5649 has been on strike since Oct. 1.

The union has accused Titan of:

- Refusal to bargain, and
- Unlawfully firing five men.

The action seeks reinstatement of the five men and an order compelling Titan to negotiate with the union.

A meeting was held in the NLRB offices in San Francisco last Friday, but announcement of a decision on whether a formal complaint will be issued was not expected until late this week.

The NLRB has had the case under investigation for some time.

Also last week, Deputy District Atty. John Burke declined to press hit-and-run charges against a strikebreaker whose car hit a picket Nov. 30. The strikebreaker left the scene of the accident, but Burke said there was insufficient evidence for a hit-and-run charge.

Despite this action, Union Atty. Kenneth W. Rosenthal expressed satisfaction with an order by Superior Judge Lewis Lercara earlier this month in which "onerous" clauses of a previous court order by Judge Cecil Mosbacher were modified.

Main points of Judge Lercara's ruling were to modify the number of pickets, rule that there had been no evidence of violence and remove other restrictions on pickets.

After a meeting with strikers, Richard K. Groulx, assistant

secretary of the Central Labor Council, told labor council delegates that quite a few Teamsters are crossing the picket lines.

Groulx said a California Motor Express truck had just left when he arrived, and a United Parcel Service truck crossed the picket line while he was there.

Jim Robinson of the Steelworkers' Sub-District Office said this week, however, that members of Teamsters 70 are respecting the picket line. He said many of those who aren't respecting it are from outside Alameda County.

Robinson said he had been unable to secure cooperation from Teamsters Joint District Council 7.

After Groulx's report, Bud Williams of Auto Mechanics 1546 wanted to know if the group set up to coordinate relations with the Teamsters had been called in.

Groulx said the group had been called in for the recent Chemical Workers' dispute, but not during this strike. This, Groulx said, was because he had been unaware of the extent of picket line crossing at Newark until that day.

Teamsters who cross the picket line, Groulx said, claim they have been ordered by Teamster President James R. Hoffa to "live up to the contract." This apparently means crossing picket lines, Groulx said.

AMERICAN CIVIL Liberties Union officials in Southern California will defend two Machinists at Lockheed Aircraft Corp., who claim they were kicked out of their union for supporting Right-to-Work in 1958.

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policy, Childers said, so employees will be surveyed this week on a franchise group policy with higher premiums and varying benefits.

The BTC hopes to have a proposal for a tentative meeting with university officials Feb. 3 in an attempt to end the 6½-year-old controversy.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

C. J. Haggerty, president of the AFLCIO Building and Construction Trades Department, wrote that he hopes to arrange a meeting between Alameda County BTC officials and those of the U.S. Public Housing Administration in San Francisco.

The BTC is trying to maintain wages of building tradesmen employed by the Oakland Housing Authority.

C. R. Bartalini of Carpenters 36 said he was "disturbed" that the PHA refuses to bring its building tradesmen's wages up to prevailing rates.

Bartalini said he fears there is an attempt to reduce building tradesmen's wages to maintenance rates.

He said he was particularly concerned because the building tradesmen failed to report earlier

that they had not received the same raises as privately employed building tradesmen.

VULCAN FOUNDRY

Childers reported that he had investigated a complaint by the Painters Union that members of the Molders Union were painting at the Vulcan Foundry Co., 4401 San Leandro St. He was informed by the Molders International Union that the Molders' contract includes painting, Childers said.

FAIR PRACTICES COMMITTEE

Delegates were urged to take note of a letter from Thomas L. Pitts, secretary of the California Labor Federation, urging unions to support the California Committee for Fair Practices.

Pitts said the federation will continue its working relationship with the committee, headed by William Becker. He urged locals to send contributions to the committee at 2940 16th St., San Francisco, Room 212.

Such contributions are fully permissible under the Landrum-Griffin Law, Pitts said.

NEW DELEGATE

Harold Parman of Painters 127 was seated as a delegate. Parman was formerly a BTC delegate.

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Famous daily attempts to sabotage police union

An editorial in Monday's San Francisco Examiner contains a number of myths about labor unions for policemen.

The Monarch of the Dailies expresses the hope that members of San Francisco's finest will "show the same good judgment they have in the past" and turn down the union.

Ignoring the fact that policemen in many American cities are both good union members and good law enforcement officers, the Examiner gives its blessing to any attempts to block unionization by Mayor George Christopher and the Police Commission.

Policemen are protectors of the peace. Teachers and newsmen are molders of minds. Public employees keep the wheels of government turning; they are guardians of a trust. Farm workers are vital links in our food supply.

Yet all are people who work for a living. Is it fair to deny them the benefits of bargaining collectively for better wages and conditions?

Secondly, the Examiner pictures the police as "an armed, disciplined, para-military body" protecting the public interest as labor and capital slug it out. The fact that policemen carry guns is repeated for emphasis.

Aside from the obvious fact that the public IS labor and capital, this stereotype is as dated as the Examiner's apparent prejudice against unions.

It reinforces the Big Labor myth which enemies of unionism keep repeating.

Unfortunately, police officials and the law in many cases help management and hinder labor. Letting rank-and-file policemen join unions doesn't seem to have stopped this.

Maybe some of the characters in San Francisco are afraid that unions would raise the pay scales of cops over there and attract some new recruits who wouldn't do the politicians' bidding.

"Members of the police department . . ." the Examiner concludes, "have no right to join a labor union, no right to affiliate with the labor movement, and no right to strike."

We disagree 100 per cent with the first two statements.

As for the third, we admit that it is debatable. But, again, we cite the experience of other cities. And we feel that adequate safeguards can be provided in advance by responsible unions and by any government which has its employees' interests at heart.

PG&E vs. The Consumer

Like all of the other captive customers of the Pacific Gas & Electric Co., we receive a "free" monthly publication and other propaganda with our bills.

We use the quotation marks advisedly. Knowing the costs of publishing these days, we are aware of the fact that somebody must be paying for this. And we have a faint suspicion it isn't PG&E.

At any rate, our December reading matter claims that gas and electricity "are still your best household bargains."

PG&E customers, the unsuspecting reader is told, pay \$1 for gas and electricity which costs \$1.28 elsewhere, according to a survey of rates in 24 leading cities by the California Public Utilities Commission.

This is true as far as it goes.

But the reader is told only about cities which have privately-owned utilities. In comparison with cities which have publicly-owned utilities, PG&E customers pay much more.

Take Sacramento, for instance.

PG&E residential rates in San Francisco for 250 kilowatt hours per month are \$6.78. For 500 kilowatts, the consumer pays \$9.98 a month.

Ninety miles away in Sacramento, customers of the publicly-owned Sacramento Utility District pay \$4.63 a month for 250 kilowatt hours, or \$6.73 for 500 kilowatt hours.

Furthermore, there are larger cities in California and other states that charge even lower rates than Sacramento.

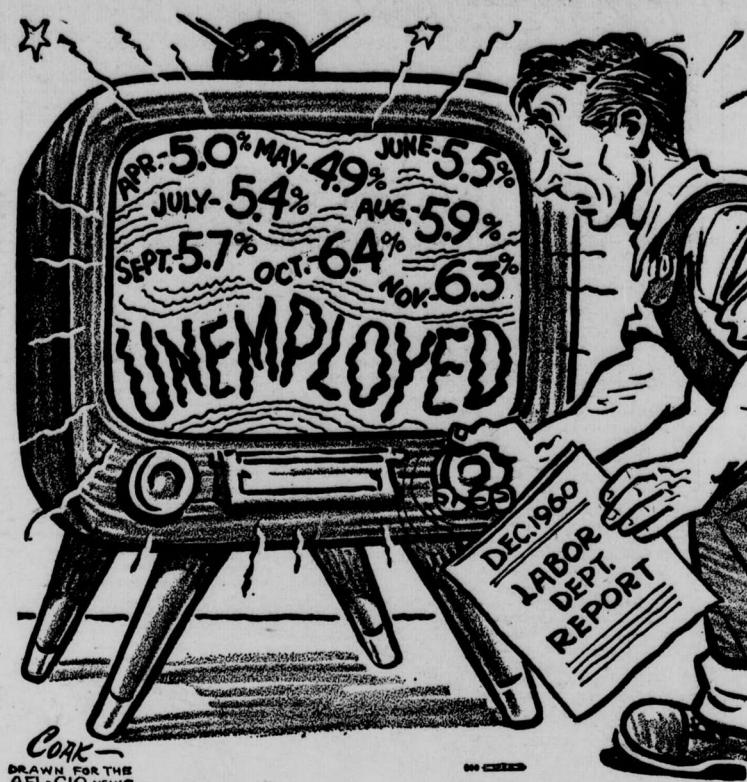
PG&E, of course, will argue that it pays taxes but that the people foot the bills for municipally-owned utility companies.

This is a false argument. Municipal companies are self-supporting. They pay taxes.

Rates of privately-owned utilities are higher because of (1) profits and (2) the large amounts they spend on advertising and propaganda.

What we get in the mail each month is an example of the latter. As we said, it's easy to figure who pays.

The Picture Isn't Improving!



OPINIONS

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ANSWERS RECEIVED ON REDEVELOPMENT

Editor, Labor Journal:

In your Jan. 6th editorial column, you raised some questions about redevelopment in West Oakland which should be answered.

In the first (Acorn) project, almost total clearance of residential areas is planned. Only a little over half of the total present residential will be retained for residential use after completion of the project, which means that about half the present number of people will be accommodated in new dwellings. This does not mean that half the people living there now will remain. Most of the present residents are unable to afford either renting or buying new apartments or homes.

Where will the former residents go? The first obligation of the Redevelopment Agency is to undertake the relocation of every person and family somewhere else in the community in decent, safe and sanitary dwellings which are within their ability to pay. Our surveys have shown that such dwellings are available in Oakland. Those who are eligible for public housing will be given first priority in present and future public housing facilities. Although we cannot definitely prophesy what will happen in Oakland until we complete our first project, experience in other cities has been that many former residents of redevelopment areas relocate themselves. This is not surprising, as they are free American citizens. They have the right to refuse our services as well as to avail themselves of them.

But the truth of the matter is that not all the people in Alameda County pay that tax. I know that vets shouldn't pay. But some people that I've worked with don't even know what it is, and they or their husbands are not vets. So why should some pay and some not?

For one thing, we pay taxes on those household items when we buy them. And if we get them on installment plans we still pay tax and interest on them. Mr. Churchill says that he couldn't get \$50 on his personal property. I know what he means because his assessment is more than mine. At one time my husband and I were going to sell all our personal property. We had three dealers in our house, and they made us change our mind in a hurry. So we still have our old furniture. I hope it lasts until we leave this earth because I'm sure afraid of buying new furniture.

Properties will be bought by the Redevelopment Agency at fair market value.

Redevelopment in West Oakland is not a "cynical attempt" to save downtown. It is an attempt to save vital areas of the city which have seriously deteriorated and are a burden

upon the whole community. If this happens to include some downtown areas, should we avoid facing the problem because we are afraid vested interests will profit excessively from urban renewal there?

If the downtown needs saving, we had all better pitch in and "save" it. Its deterioration is a drain upon the resources and taxes of the whole community, which the rest of us have to make up for in one way or another. Federal aid through redevelopment may or may not be the answer, but most of the deteriorated downtown areas are not within present redevelopment project boundaries.

MARY HUDDLESON,
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Agency,
City of Oakland

ANOTHER TAX GRIPE

Editor, Labor Journal:

I read in the Dec. 9 Labor Journal a letter from a Mr. Churchill (re: personal property tax), and I'm 100 per cent with him. In the Dec. 16 Journal a Mr. Foley wrote the same thing, and, he, too, is against it. I'm also against it and always have been, but I guess we will never get rid of it. I, too, think that it's a dirty shame, and I hope many more people write in and squawk about it.

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RIGHT

Every man has a right to his opinion, but no man has a right to be wrong in his facts.—Bernard M. Baruch

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COMMENTS ON COST OF HOMES

Editor, Labor Journal:

In reading the Labor Journal, one would get the impression that the slowdown in home construction was due wholly to the tight money situation. This, I believe, is dishonest reporting, as it disregards several other factors that also contribute to the problem that are important.

In 1955, I purchased a new home. Today I could not purchase it even if I were able to obtain the same terms of finance. Why is this so? In four years my taxes rose 37 per cent. Wages of building craftsmen have risen 35 per cent. A plumber cost \$6.50 an hour in 1955. Recently I paid \$54 for 8 hours, plus \$80 for materials, which was 20 per cent more than if purchased at Sears. That's enough to make anyone want to buy a house. Real estate commissions have gone from 5 per cent to 6 per cent. Commissions are 40 per cent more now on the same amount of house. Land that cost \$4,000 in '55 now costs \$7,000. So now the same size house costs 35 per cent more than in '55. So now my payments would be 35 per cent more, even if I were able to get the same financing.

In the meantime, my wages have increased about 20 per cent. So one can readily see that I would have been priced out of the market even at 1955 interest at 4 1/2 per cent.

Most of the homes that are now being built are in locations that have no transportation, which adds to the cost of ownership, as car expenses cost 10 cents a mile for every mile you live from work. I know many people that are selling their homes because the wife feels she is marooned while her husband has the car at work. When the children get older they feel the same, and Dad finds himself running a non-profit taxi service.

I believe it is one thing to win a wage increase from your employer and another thing for the customer to be willing or able to pay it. I doubt that the home building market will improve until the building industry can offer houses that people can afford to live in. Then if and when more favorable interest rates are available we can have jobs for the great number of building and related industries' unemployed.

JIM BLACKBURN
Member, Glass Bottle
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PUT (NIXON) SHOE ON OTHER FOOT

Editor, Labor Journal:

It seems there are many union members disappointed as to the poor showing Senator Kennedy made in California. Let's put the shoe on the other foot and say Mr. Nixon made the bad showing. After all, he just barely carried the State of California and wasn't even sure of it until absentee ballots came through. This is Mr. Nixon's home state. He is a former senator and vice-president, and, believe me, he didn't fare well at all. He won by a bigger margin when he ran for senator. To me and many others, he is slipping, but fast. I am all for it and helped his slipping. Many of us did these past years.

LUIGI FRANCIS,
Member, Culinary 823

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He who gives money he has not earned is generous with other people's labor. — George Bernard Shaw.